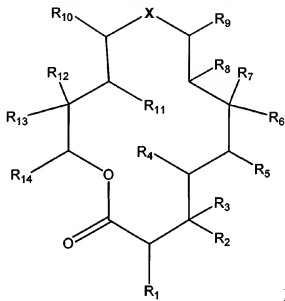


**Amendments to the Claims:**

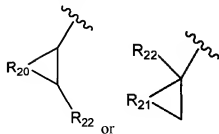
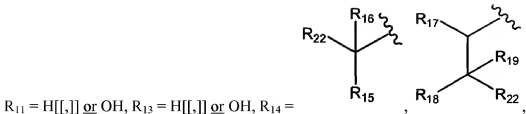
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 31 (Cancelled).

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A compound according to formula I below:

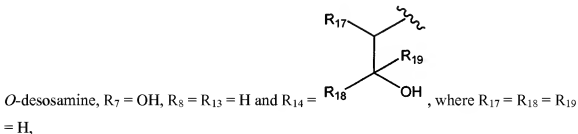


wherein X = -C(=O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are each independently H, CH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> = OH or a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinosyl, *O*-mycarosyl, *O*-rhamnosyl, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnosyl, 2',3'-bismethyl 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnosyl, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnosyl, *O*-digitoxosyl, *O*-oliviosyl, *O*-oliosyl, *O*-oleandrosyl, *O*-desosaminyloxy, *O*-mycarosyl, *O*-mycaminosyl, and *O*-angolosaminyloxy and *O*-megosaminyloxy; R<sub>3</sub> = H, or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> together are keto; R<sub>5</sub> = OH or a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinosyl, *O*-mycarosyl, *O*-rhamnosyl, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnosyl, 2',3'-bismethyl 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnosyl, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnosyl, *O*-digitoxosyl, *O*-oliviosyl, *O*-oliosyl, *O*-oleandrosyl, *O*-desosaminyloxy, *O*-mycarosyl, *O*-mycaminosyl, and *O*-angolosaminyloxy and *O*-megosaminyloxy; R<sub>7</sub> = H[.,.] or OH; R<sub>8</sub> = H[.,.] or OH;



cycloalkyl group;  $R_{16}$  is H, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl group,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{18}$  and  $R_{19}$  are each independently H or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group or  $R_{20}$  or  $R_{21}$  are  $(CH_2)_x$ , where  $x = 2-5$  and  $R_{22}$  is O- $R_{23}$  where  $R_{23} = H$  or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> acyl group; or  $R_{22}$  and  $R_{16}$  together are a keto group; or  $R_{22}$  and  $R_{19}$  together are a keto group; ~~alternatives from the group: CO, CH(OH), alkene CH, and CH<sub>2</sub>;~~ with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

- (a) when  $R_2 = OH$ , *O*-cladinose or *O*-mycarose and  $R_5 = OH$  or *O*-desosamine
- (b) when  $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$ ,  $R_3 = H$ ,  $R_2 = O$ -oleandrose,  $R_5 =$



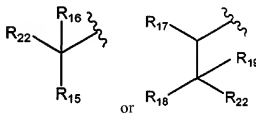
- (c) when  $R_2$  or  $R_5 = O$ -mycaminose
- (d) when  $R_2$  or  $R_5 = O$ -angolosamine.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 32 wherein  $R_2$  is selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, and methylated derivatives thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or and *O*-oleandrose.

Claim 34 (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 33 wherein  $R_2$  is a ~~said methylated derivative~~ selected from the group consisting of 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose and 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose.

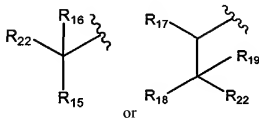
Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, wherein  $R_5$  is a glycosyl group selected from *O*-mycaminose and *O*-angolosamine.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 32, where  $X = -C(=O)-$ ,  $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$ ,  $R_2 = OH$ , *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose,  $R_3 = H$ ,  $R_5 = OH$ , *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine;  $R_7 = H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ;  $R_8 = H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ;  $R_{11} =$



$H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ;  $R_{13} = H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ;  $R_{14} =$   
 $R_{15} = H, CH_3$ , or  $CH_2CH_3$  and  $R_{16}$  is  $H$ ; or  $R_{17}$  and  $R_{18}$  are each independently  $H$  or  $CH_3$ ;  
 $R_{19}$  is  $H$  and  $R_{22}$  is  $OH$ .

Claim 37 (Original): A compound according to claim 36, where  $X = -C(=O)-$ ,  $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$ ,  $R_2 = OH$ , *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose;  $R_3 = H$ ;  $R_5 = OH$ , *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine;  $R_7 = H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ;  $R_8 = H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ;  $R_{11} = H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ;  $R_{13} =$



$H[[,]]$  or  $OH$ ;  $R_{14} =$   
 or  $R_{17} = R_{18} = R_{19} = H$  and  $R_{22}$  is  $OH$ .